

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008. Claims 10-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 10, 11, 14, 20, and 27 have been amended. Claims 10, 20, and 27 are in independent form. No new matter was introduced as a result of the amendments. Please charge deposit account 02-1818 for all fees due in connection with this Response.

The Office Action rejected claims 10-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rabipour (US Pat. No. 6,601,846) in view of Kirla (WO 01/45291 A1). In light of the amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and traverses, such rejection.

Regarding independent claims 10, 20, and 27, the Office Action states that “Rabipour et al. also discloses switching off the echo compensation and sending the value when the determined data transmission time falls below the threshold value determining that the connection has changed (See column 6 line 65 to column 7 line 11 and Figure 3 of Rabipour et al. for reference to determining and sending a current echo delay to an echo suppression device and passing a current frame unchanged, meaning echo suppression has been turned off, when the echo delay falls below the threshold value indicating a change in the connection delay).” Rabipour discloses storing a threshold delay, e.g., 10 msec, in the echo compressor, and performing echo suppression based on a comparison between the threshold delay and the echo delay D(k). (Rabipour col. 5, ln. 65 – col. 6, ln. 3) However, Rabipour does not disclose, teach, or suggest “sending the threshold value from the gateway control device to the gateway;” as currently recited in independent claim 10, and similarly recited in independent claims 20 and 27. Further, Kirla discloses a delay measurement system in a packet network, but does not disclose, teach, or suggest a “sending the threshold value from the gateway control device to the gateway;” as currently recited in independent claim 10, and similarly recited in independent claims 20 and 27. Therefore, Rabipour alone, or in combination with Kirla, does not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of independent claims 10, 20, and 27 as currently claimed.

All of the other pending claims depend from independent claims 10, 20, and 27. Therefore, Applicant asserts that dependent claims 11-19, 21-26, and 28-29 are now in condition for allowance.

For all the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in

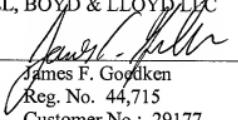
condition for formal allowance and such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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